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BRIEFS

■ Checking it twice?: The Division of Consumer Affairs' Toy Recall Task Force is sweeping through more than 250 NJ toy stores to rid the shelves of 10 potentially hazardous toys. During this holiday season, consumers are advised to check items carefully and look at labels for age recommendation. To report an unsafe toy or related injury call 1-800-636-2772 — TRENTON

■ Newark's Apostles: Apostles Ministries has been reorganized with funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Newark to provide transitional housing for the homeless. Fifteen families will be provided with a long-term living environment due to a partnership between the City of Newark, the Department of Health and Human Services, and HUD. — NEWARK

■ Tennis Anyone?: The Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs has announced the "Al Ruffin Memorial Newark Open Tennis Tournament of Champions" to take place from December 14-20 at the Mountainside Tennis Center on Route 22. For more information call 201-733-3749. — NEWARK

■ Kwanzaa's Komiti: The Newark Public Library will be celebrating Kwanzaa on December 19 at 7 p.m. with lectures by Cedric McClester, who will speak on the political and historic significance of Kwanzaa; C. Kalunge Mimy who will perform the Kwanzaa ceremony; as well as performances by Maisha Denise Howell and Universal Language. Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 to January 1 and is based on the seven principles of Kwanzaa, emphasizing African American Heritage. For more information call 201-733-5411. — NEWARK

Panasonic, NJ Symphony host holiday event

NEWARK — Panasonic Corporation and the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra are sponsoring A Gift of Music and Joy at Newark Symphony Hall on December 15. The 3 p.m. concert will follow a 1:30 p.m. party.

Performers include: the Carnival of Nations, performed by ethnic students; the Bob Brown Puppet School; the South African music and songs by the Newark Arts High School Chamber Choir; along with a special visit by Santa Claus who will have a gift for every child.

Tempers flare in Plainfield as liquor license transfer is approved

Three Grant Avenue residents arrested

Denise M. Germain

The Plainfield City Council's approval of a liquor license transfer in the West End prompted three residents to be arrested during a pushing and shouting match with the police after the vote, December 2 outside municipal court chamber.

Three weeks ago a public hearing was held during a regular council meeting to allow the residents to voice their opinions of the impending person to person transfer from

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United Hospitals president makes order out of chaos

Bernard Dickens at the helm of his ship of success

by Stacey Peterson

NEWARK — An indicted former president, a lack of cash flow, no supplies, and plans for a children's hospital that looked to be stalled indefinitely was what Bernard Dickens had to face when he took over as president of United Hospitals Medical Center in May of 1989.

Two years later, the group responsible for the \$71.4 million children's hospital is expected in early 1992, and highlights several new programs that started this year, bringing the hospital out of the shadow of the past and onto a bright and positive future.

Dickens said that when he came aboard, one of his first priorities was to restore the credibility to the facility which was facilitated by bringing in a host of "credible people" to manage the hospital. It also means what he calls "a massive termination of top and middle managers."

Dickens stated that it was imperative to establish a new base and

clean up the troubled Newark-based medical center.

"I came into an organization that was morally and economically bankrupt," he said. "We had a lot of

brokers' splits around here."

He said he chose to adopt a "healing style" that would "notice people to raise this ship above water."

"He said he has stuck with this style and it has carried him and the hospital a long way. "Now, we

have a positive bottom line."

A hands-on president, he real-

ized re-staffing the hospital would be no easy task but oversaw every hiring of the new team members. He said he has regular meetings with staffers and can be seen walking around the hospital making his rounds. He also cited his "inside

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Bernard Dickens

Plainfield Council, administrators still can't settle budget

Cash flow problems pending if budget not adopted soon

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — Another rung of the budget process ladder was slowly climbed on December 4 when the City Council and three members of the administration met to discuss the Council's impending budget cuts and for administrators to present

some information.

City Administrator, Jewel Thompson-Chin, along with Finance Director Nat McBean and comptroller Jerry Ready presented a list of items that need to be added to the fiscal year 1992 budget.

The City representatives informed the Council that they must allow for a \$1.4 million pension

plan for the police and fire divisions

and also add another \$267,890 to the budget. The funds added consist of prior year's bills, enterprise zone items; such as a police grant, bond anticipation notes, allowing the advertising tax sales, and the sum of \$100,000 to be obligated for the data processing center in City Hall.

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Preparing for the new South Africa

SAMP program teaches the art of effective management



SAMP graduates, (l-r) Ismail Khan, Harry Chakala, and Sizwe Tait.

post-Apartheid South Africa.

Linking the American black community and the South African black community, the first four SAMP graduates were honored and recognized at a reception hosted

by East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper on December 3.

The program centers around training black South Africans with practical experiences and opportunities to hone their business skills by interning at some of the top black corporations in the United States. Upon completion of the program, the interns will be ready to assume middle and senior management positions with businesses in their coun-

The idea for the SAMP project began in 1988 and conceived by Ichunu and Gerri Spillman. Ichunu, who worked as an executive at the Coca-Cola Company in South Africa, realized that there were not many opportunities in the country for blacks to gain broad managerial skills and set about developing a group of future South African managers.

The SAMP project is part of an overall strategy of Ernesto McNamee and Associates to play a role as facilitator and catalyst for South African trainee managers in creating future leaders. Mrs. Spillman, a minority career counselor and entrepreneur based in Monclair, has been a student of South Africa.

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Payne, Cooper lend support for AIDS victims



EAST ORANGE — Contraid Donald Payne and East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper meet with an East Orange victim of the AIDS virus in order to show the increasing numbers in home health care for people stricken with the disease.

Photo by Glen Friedson

Stacey Peterson named City News Assistant Editor



Stacey Peterson

PLAINFIELD — The City News Publishing Company recently named Stacey Peterson of Plainfield Assistant Editor, overseeing composition of City News, the weekly newspaper covering the metro-Newark area.

Ms. Peterson, 25, is a graduate of Syracuse University where she majored in magazine journalism and wrote for the campus newspaper, The Daily Orange. Prior to coming on board at City News, she worked as a reporter for the Piscataway/Dunellen Review, a member of the Forbes Newspapers chain.

Ms. Peterson explained that

she does not take her success for granted, and instead, uses it to motivate her to achieve even more.

"That's basically what carries me through life," she said. "It's like reaching one rung on a ladder and then it's a catalyst to move onto the next one. No matter what I'm doing in life, when I reach a goal, it pushes me to move onto the next one."

She calls herself a "goal oriented" person and strongly believes a life is has little purpose if people do not have some attainable goals outlined for them.

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Dickens' ship of success

(continued from page 1) chas' which he frequently has to give him an opportunity to speak with the "rank and file" of the hospital.

Dickens said it has not been easy to make the comeback of the hospital a reality. He explained that he had three major undertakings to deal with — putting the children's hospital back into operation, getting the day-to-day operations of United Hospital along with attempting to build a new facility out of the ashes of the tumultuous former hospital — while many new administrators only have to deal with one of the three.

"My vision is to have this hospital serve the needs of the community," he said adding that specific programs must be outlined and instated in order to meet the community's needs.

Dickens stated that programs must parallel the social and medical problems of the community. Citing problems like AIDS, hypertension, and others that are prevalent in the inner city, Dickens said the adult hospital must play closer attention to minority people and make serving their needs a top priority.

Addressing what he believes is still a skeleton from the past, Dickens said he feels it is essential to have the community empowered to have a part in the decision-making factions of the hospital.

He said that even though he has noticed that Board of Trustees Chairman Bernard Rabinowitz has been taking credit for it, he is the one who proposed a community advisory commission that said the Board has chosen to delay action on. Dickens is strongly committed to making the hospital and commu-

nity, saying he believes it is the wave of the future.

He said that he sees communities holding hospitals responsible for their needs and making sure they work towards improving the health status of the community.

Dickens added that the issues should hold for the children's hospital as well. The hospital, which will be built on the nearby campus of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), will be owned and run by United Hospitals but would share support services with UMDNJ.

Dickens said he supports the

joint effort saying that it makes sense to bring the clinical and academic aspects together for better quality.

But as with United Hospitals, he insists that the issue of community input particularly at the policy level will be as prevalent with the children's hospital as it is for United Hospitals and it is something that must be addressed by the Board of Trustees. He maintains that a big issue for the hospital is that the community revolves around it. The community will maintain its influence and input into the children's hospital.

Bible Telling in Plainfield

PLAINFIELD — Bible Telling will take place on December 13 from 7 to 9 a.m. at the First Park Baptist Church in Plainfield located at the corner of West Seventh Street and Central Avenue.

This is the third program to be presented and will be held as a monthly event for teenagers interested in learning Bible stories.

The agenda for the evening is to hear a story, learn a story, and then tell a story. Christian youth groups are especially welcome along with their adult supervisors. There is no

admission fee, but groups are asked to contribute some refreshments.

Participation is encouraged as audience members are expected to help the storyteller and not simply be entertained. Youth are given the opportunity to perform in front of their peers as well as hear Bible stories in a new and dramatic way.

Drew Willard, a professional storyteller, is the youth director at First Park and will be presenting the program. For more information call 908-756-5322.

South African interns

(continued from page 1) can affairs. She saw the idea for SAMP as a way for the African Americans to provide a link in the career development of South Africans.

Companies who participated in the pilot program were: City National Bank in Newark; Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Philadelphia; Maxima Corporation in Rockville, MD; and Highbeam Inc. located in East Orange.

Israel Kahn, one of the recent graduates, did part of his training with Highbeam Systems, Inc. and part with the City of East Orange.

As a husband and father of three, he said he is very concerned with the struggle of all people of color and is deeply involved in community service. Currently a sales representative with Otis Elevator in South Africa, he is a dedicated, diligent worker who strives for success in all his undertakings. It is his belief and hope that the changing political and socioeconomic scene in his country

along with the need for more middle and senior managers will provide him and other South Africans with the opportunity to effectively use their skills.

His experience at Mayor Cooper's office provided him with the chance to see a black mayor effectively and efficiently run a government. He thinks it will help him to have a broader vision and be a more effective leader in the "new" South Africa.

Silve Tati interned at City National Bank and works as a loans manager for the First Bank in South Africa. Raised in Soweto, he is described as a serious, hard-working young man who loves American jazz and enjoys children.

Lucas Bambo completed his internship with Coca-Cola and said he views the internship on two levels — technical and motivational. He said he feels that the program is highly inspirational because it places a person in the environment that is highly conducive to learning. From the technical aspect the SAMP program provides the opportunity to learn the business from an operational point of view. Lucas said that when a person sees what can be achieved, it motivates them to make the commitment to reach higher.

The four interns were selected

from a group of 25 trainees to participate in the internships. The program was compiled by Dr. Andy Andrew, director of the Graduate Institute of Technology. It ran for five months and was held at the Rand Afrikaans University in Johannesburg and covered the principles of general management.

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Tempers flare

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current or the current owner.

Council members Faheemah El-Amin, Malcolm Dunn, and Council President Elizabeth Urquhart stated before the vote that they were beside themselves with the community. Mrs. El-Amin said that she felt that "the life of a child was more important than a possible law suit to the city."

After the vote, West End residents abruptly left the meeting and gathered outside, loudly voicing their discontent with the situation, when the police were summoned and three Grant Avenue residents, Antoine, John, and Kendall Roney, all of 227 Grant Avenue, were arrested and charged with aggravated assault of a police officer. During the confusion, Council President Urquhart called a recess of the meeting until order was restored.

Budget Problems

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It is currently run by a consulting firm.

Due to the absence of a salary ordinance, which would have allowed for a director to run the center, the consultant will have to stay on for the rest of the fiscal year because the Council declined the measure several months ago.

Mrs. Chin also informed the Council that the budget cutting process should be done methodically, mentioning thus far she hasn't seen any systematic reductions.

McBean warned that if closure of the budget matter does not occur soon, the City could possibly be saddled with a serious cash flow problem by February or March, due to the fact that the tax bills still have to be sent out.

He explained that if there are no incoming funds like taxes, the City may have to go to the market to borrow which could be costly because they would have to deal with interest rates.

Several Councilmembers assured Mrs. Chin that they did use logic when figuring out their individual cuts.

The \$1.8 million figure that was given to the administration at the last budget session as the figure the Council had agreed to reduce the budget by was not figured into the budget at the time of the December 4 session. Council President Elizabeth Urquhart again told the administration to provide the Council with that information as soon as possible. No date has been set for the next budget hearing.



Philip Morris Doesn't Want Kids To Smoke

One of the most trying aspects of being a parent is encouraging your child to make the right choices — not just to follow along. In today's complex society, growing up involves more pressures and choices than ever before. Studies show that young people do things because their friends do. Smoking is one of those things.

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Plainfield resident scoring big for Rider

LAWRENCEVILLE — Neil Charles of Plainfield, a sophomore elementary education major at Rider College, has completed his second season at the Rider varsity soccer team.

A 1990 graduate of Timothy Christian High School, Charles started all 19 games for the 10-2 Rider Broncos at either fullback or forward, helping Rider advance to the East Coast Conference Championship Game.

Charles started all 18 games as a back as a Rider rookie, and the first eight games this season. Against Lehigh University, Charles made his first collegiate start at forward, and scored two goals in the last 18 minutes of the 3-1 win.

For the season, Charles compiled 6 goals and 4 assists for 16 points, second highest on the squad. In the Shoney's-Winthrop College tournament, Charles collected a goal and an assist in a win over St. Francis (PA). In a 4-2 overtime win over Hofstra, Charles compiled a goal and an assist, and he scored the lone



Neil Charles

goal in a 1-0 win over St. Peter's in the regular season finale.

At Timothy Christian, Charles scored 20 goals and had both the varsity soccer and basketball teams, earning All-Conference honors in soccer and all star honors in basketball.

East Orange holiday events

EAST ORANGE — The December 10 Christmas tree lighting ceremony kicked off a host of activities in the City for the holiday season. They include:

Holiday Concerts, all will take place at the East Orange City Hall Rotunda from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11
Choirs from Patrick Healy Junior High and Stockton schools

Thursday, December 12

Choirs from Jackson Academy and the Most Blessed Sacrament Parochial School

Tuesday, December 17

Choirs from James' Children's University, and Franklin and Lincoln schools

Wednesday, December 18

Choirs from Sojourner Truth Jun-

ior High School and Ashland School in Clifton

Sunday, December 15

Kwanzaa workshop and demonstration, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the East Orange Public Library, Main Branch at 21 South Arlington Street.

Saturday, December 21

Children's holiday party from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Fellowship Civic Center, 1 Fellowship Circle.

Saturday, December 28

Upstage College — Little Theater, Universal Language Ensemble two shows at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For more information about East Orange Holiday 1991 activities call 201-266-5059 or 266-5142.

Youth learn about county government



ELIZABETH — The 16th annual Youth in County Government Day was held recently at the county courthouse complex in Elizabeth. Announced Union County Freeholder Chairman James Connolly Welsh.

"More than 50 students from 24 area high schools attended the day-long event, where students are paired with county departments and officials to learn the workings of county government," said Welsh. "They also saw a demonstration by the Sheriff's Office K-9 squad, and had lunch at Galloping Hill Caterers in Union."

A random drawing was held to allow students to act as Freeholder and/or other county official at the regular freeholder meeting held later that day.

"This is always a tremendous opportunity for our students to get a first-hand grasp of the way county government operates, and I am always extremely pleased by the excitement the students show," Welsh added.

(L-R) Seated: Union County Manager Ann Baron; Jeff O'Brien; New Providence High School; and Sgt. Ellen Marvin, Union County Police. Standing: Reginald B. Williams Plainfield High School; Andrea Vitha, David Brewster High, Kentwood; and Loretta Lavin, Union High School.



(L-R) Seated: Kim Poinderer, Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield; JoAnn Gemenen, Director, Bureau of Environmental Affairs; David Taziki, Jonathan Dayton High School. Standing: Richard Muller, Director, Bureau of Land and Facilities Planning; Willie Moore, Division of Parks and Recreation; Ronald Weingard, Director, Bureau of Transportation Planning; Daniel Barner, Division of Parks and Recreation; Aaron Butts, UC Vo-Tech Schools; Scottie Phillips, a resident of Plainfield.

ON THE R & B TIP

PM DAWN Adrift On Hip Hop Bliss

by Terry Benjamin

At this time in the development of hip hop music, you have to ask yourself some questions: Can rap really be rap if it doesn't reflect black street life and culture? Can rap be about the peace and love we've been praying for since the psychedelic Sixties? Some of the answers to these questions can be found on the very different "Of the Heart, of the Soul and the Cross: The Utopian Experience," the debut album by PM Dawn, a hip hop duo from Jersey City, New Jersey. They call themselves rap-prince Prince B and DJ Minnie Mix Master.

Joining a long line of New Jersey rappers that includes Poor Righteous Teachers, King Sun, Lakin Shabazz, DJ Mark The 45 King, Chill Rob G, Redhead Kingpin, Naughty By Nature, Queen Latifah, PM Dawn usher in a new age of rap with the release of their first two singles "A Watcher's Point of View" and "Set Adrift on Memory Bliss," respectively.

Riding a sample line from the Double Brother's "Feelin' Down Doubt" and "A Watcher's Point of View," the lyrics are too obscure to explain with a keyboard, will grab any dancer. This combination of rock and slycey lyrics is the ticket for the PM Dawn musical experience. Their second release, "Set Adrift on Memory Bliss," found an even bigger audience and a square perch at the top of the charts. Still the lyrics are not easy to understand in Prince B rap: "Caroles whispert from a careless Neu/ A Neutin Dance for a random fan/Marionette singings are dangerous things/A thought of all trouble they bring/An eye for an eye and a smile for a smile/Rubber bands expand in a funny looking sigh." This rap ballad contains a sample from "True," a rock hit from Spandau Ballet and this fusion of black and white pop pulls in a whole new audience.

This expansion of musical influences on rap music is even more evident on "To Serenade A Rainbow," a track that contains samples

from South African jazz man Hugh Masekela and Prince B raps about the love between the Brothers Grimm/Tell in love at the slightest whim/It's to serenade a rainbow/O riding on the tail of the wind." Another jazz influ-

Dawn doesn't give any answers, listeners can appreciate the music that carries the message. "I grin as the era of the selfish fades/I'm looking at the sky through a pair of dark shades," Prince B raps on "Even After I Die." "And I'm buggin' I

your butt funk of "Comatose," a rap/dance classic that contains samples from Sly and the Family Stone and Dr. John. Sound like a fusion of EPMD and Prince, "Comatose" has enough energy to rock any house party as Prince B raps:

*Mr. Red knows I pose a threat
Yeah, I like to see him sweat
Dr. Vox tends to get hypnotic
Reality thinks Prince B is erotic
The magic wand seems to be misplaced
I can't see it if it's covered in lace
The best way to keep your word is
not to give it
I don't make promises cause promises die
But those who use hate just won't participate
So that's why I chose to use my eyes
And stay comatose.*

To Serenade A Rainbow
PM Dawn

enced track is the equally puzzling "Paper Doll" where Prince B raps:

*Imagine yourself as a linkon a chain
Chain is wrapped around someone's mind
If you break off then things start to change.*

These metaphysical manderings continue on "If I Was U," "In the Presence of Mirrors," and "The Beautiful" where Prince B sends a "paper valentine" and rap: "Once more my feelings have succeeded in confusing me/But what's most amusing is/I like the way it looks."

The way most of this will sound is "weird" to most but there is a creative spin/searching that is coming of experience. While Prince B uses words to shock, PM Dawn uses words to educate. Like on "Reality Used to Be a Friend of Mine" where Prince B raps: "I used to be friends with reality/She used to be a pal, real close to me/But she tried to hide from me what was in store/Tried to house me but a house has doors/I was insane and the picture was crazy/So the relevance here seems a bit hazy." And although PM

cause makes me feel good/There are so many things that are misunderstood."

"On a Clear Day" is an all singing, no rapping track that encourages listeners to "Open up your hearts, open up your minds."

Although putting forward questions with no clear answers can be frustrating, PM Dawn's music keeps spirits up, especially on dance tracks like "Shake" and "Comatose." Featuring a Todd Terry track, "Shake" is a dance jam with obscure lyrics like these from Prince B:

*It's not about how I've been
Cause I've been blessed
But the constant battles with Reality
I dangle from the strings of stress.*

In the same groove is the shake

"Of the Heart, of the Soul and of the Cross: The Utopian Experience" is not just the longest title of any hip hop album, this debut effort from PM Dawn offers new possibilities in the rap music field. This will certainly be the most talked about debut since De La Soul shook up the music scene in 1989 with their debut album, "3 Feet High & Rising." Comparisons are already being made but PM Dawn are originals. A bold move from the pum-pum strutting gangster talk of many rappers, PM Dawn offer something wordplay and words clearly chosen that make their music delightfully different. Just when rap fans were becoming tired to sleep with the "same old same old," PM Dawn issues a wake up call that is sure to shake up old school rappers and offer new jack rappers a more challenging and progressive path to travel.

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

EAST ORANGE — St. Paul's AME Church will hold its Annual Christmas Bazaar from 10 to 5 p.m. If interested in being a vendor, contact Alfred Brughton at 201-372-5762 no later than Fri., Nov. 8th.

MIDDLETOWN — The Shrewsbury Chorale will present its first concert of the holiday season on Sat., Dec. 7 at the Christ Episcopal Church, 92 Kings Highway. For more information call 908-747-5382.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1992

CALDWELL — The Religious Studies Dept. at Caldwell College is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Jan. 5th thru the 13th. For info., call 201-228-4424, ext. 250 or 209.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1992

NEWARK — The Hopewell Baptist Church at 17 Muhammad Ali Avenue will present a Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring the March of Joy, the Soul Singers, Swami Kriyananda, and others. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. For more information call 201-372-6187 or 201-373-5276.

Send your religious calendar events to City News, P.O. Box 1724, Plainfield NJ 07060

SHARE seeks volunteers

NEWARK — SHARE is in need of volunteers for its monthly food distribution which will be held this month on December 20 and 21 at its main distribution center located at 436 Ferry Street.

SHARE is a statewide food and community development program with host organizations in all 21 counties. SHARE offers 30 to 35 pounds of fresh food from the four major food groups for two hours of community service and \$13. There are no eligibility requirements.

For more information call Lois Whitehead at 201-344-2400.

Want to become a vegetarian?

WESTFIELD — Gentlemen with a heart condition are looking to form a group meeting once a month to discuss methods for living longer and better and avoiding terrible illnesses such as heart attacks and strokes.

A professional nutrition and dietetics consultant will be available. The program will be under the auspices of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Program.

People who are interested in joining the support group should call 908-654-9854.

City News Publisher named Citizen of the Year

Dr. Henry C. Johnson awarded by Omega Psi Phi



James S. Avery (r) presents the Citizen of the Year Award to Dr. Henry C. Johnson.



Jerome Baldwin (r) presents the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Founders Day award to Glessner Graham.

with plans to achieve desired goals. He wants to encourage young African Americans to take risks and to believe they can be successful as managers and owners in businesses and other fields. He used examples of sacrifice, hard work, and courage from his own life to highlight the

CLARK — Dr. Henry C. Johnson, publisher of City News, YES Magazine, and other publications, received the Citizen of the Year award from the Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi on the fraternal Founders Day on November 17.

During the awards presentation at the Ramada Hotel in Clark, Dr. Johnson was recognized for his entrepreneurial excellence and community involvement. In remarks following his acceptance, he challenged the audience to encourage youth to carry forth their dreams



Members of the Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

theme of his comments.

In other presentations, Glessner Graham of East Orange was named the Chapter's Omega Man of the Year for his outstanding contributions and commitment to the fraternity. The Chapter's Scholarship Achievement Award went to Darrel Hosea, a graduate of University High

School in Newark. Since Darrel is attending Bentley College in South Carolina, his father, Luther Hosea accepted the award for him. Dr. Curtis Jackson, the Chapter's Scholarship Committee chairperson also presented scrolls to several of the brothers and their wives who have children who have successfully com-

pleted their college education.

The officers of Omega Psi Phi for 1992 are: James Kirkland, Basileus; Horace Baldwin, Vice Basileus; Glessner Graham, Keeper of Records and Seal; Charles Booker, Keeper of Finance; George Garrison, Chaplain; M. Raleigh McCarroll, Keeper of Peace.

El-Amin Civic Association feeds homeless, needy

PLAINFIELD — Fifty homeless, sheltered, and needy people were given a Thanksgiving dinner Dec. 1 at the Plainfield YMCA, sponsored by the El-Amin Civic Organization.

"This year we wanted to take the dinner to where the people live," said Councilwoman El-Amin. "Our organization is to please God by helping His people who have less than we do," added Wadieekah Rahman who ordinated the meal, adding, "The blessing is in the sharing, not the receiving."

Ayesha Council, a student at Union County College, participated for the first time saying, "I missed

it last year and my friend, Bayyinah El-Amin, told me all about it. I made sure I could help that year — it means a lot to me."

Ms. El-Amin, who also attends UCC added, "My family has taught me to appreciate the things we have because but for the grace and mercy of Allah (God) go I. We always share what we have with others."

Other members of the Civic Association who participated in preparing the meal included: Hertel Blake, Miriam Aziz, Ada Peirson, Aaron Campbell; Kalilah Sharif; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan McBain; Glenda Heyer; Wendy Aldham; Tahbir Aziz and the rest of the El-Amin family.

Elders bring in Kwanzaa

PLAINFIELD — On Sunday, December 29 at the Senior Citizens Recreational Center located at 305 East Front Street, Better Family Life, Inc. (BFL) and the Optimist Club of Plainfield will present the First Annual Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner and Kwanzaa Celebration "Elders Day 1991" at 3 p.m.

The day will consist of a full course dinner, entertainment, music, Senior Citizen Community and Nguzo Saba Awards and door prizes to the largest family, oldest person, and longest married couple present at celebration.

Better Family Life is a national organization whose philosophy is based on the seven principles of Nguzo Saba of the Kwanzaa Holiday which takes place from December 26 to January 1. The principles are: unity, self determination, collective work, and responsibility,

cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. BFL's mission is to plan and establish Africentric cultural, economic, and social institutions that will advance the overall development of African American people.

The Optimist Club is an international organization whose purpose is to develop optimism, a philosophy of life, to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs, to inspire respect for the law, to promote patriotism, and to work for international accord and friendship among all people, to aid and encourage the development of youth and the belief that the giving of one's self and service to others will advance the well being of man, community, and the world.

For more information call 908-577-3295.

Successful blood drive for Red Cross

Seventy-one pints of blood collected

SUMMIT — In one of the most successful area blood drives, 71 pints of blood were collected at the Foun-

tain Baptist Church on November 8.

Sponsored by the church for the first time, in cooperation with the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, the drive was conducted by the New Jersey Blood Services Center.

Ms. Marie Babcock, Red Cross Blood Services coordinator stated the success "made a very important contribution to the ability of the Red Cross to meet the needs of blood patients. One pint of blood can help as many as five people. These 71 donations will hopefully sustain the lives of up to 355 people."

"Of particular significance to the Afro-American community," said Pastor Jerry M. Sanders, is that

genetic differences unique to each race of people mean that each may have different blood types. Many people are not aware of these genetic variances in blood and blood from one race may not be suitable for use with another race."

According to Richard Harveston, Administrator, Special Screening, of the New Jersey Blood Services Center, "while many are familiar with standard blood types such as A, B, O, or Rh, there are additional differences based on genetic ethnic factors among Afro-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native

Americans, and Caucasians."

"This means," he said, "any racial or ethnic group may develop unique antibodies, particularly to racial or ethnic groups, that can identify the presence of certain proteins on the surface of red blood cells called antigens. These individuals will then require the very specifically matched blood peculiar to their race or ethnic background."

The Red Cross chapter is planning to sponsor screenings for hypertension at local churches. Hypertension, also known as high blood pressure, is twice as likely to affect Afro-Americans as Caucasians.

Don't mix drinking and shopping

HOUSTON — Most people know they should not drink and drive, but a psychiatrist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston says drinking and shopping don't mix either.

"Drinking alcohol can lead to impulse shopping," said Dr.

Stuart C. Yudofsky, professor and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Baylor. "If you have a few drinks at a holiday party, go home, not to the mall."

Many stores count on impulse shoppers during the gift-giving season. To avoid overspending on gifts, make a list, allow a certain amount of time for shopping and shop in advance.

If overspending is a problem, Yudofsky recommends leaving credit cards at home.

Planned family time, religious activities and assisting those who

are less fortunate are holiday activities that can be satisfying and which may curb the drive to over-spend.

Yudofsky says that impulse shopping is quite common and vastly different from a more serious problem related to obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD).

Yudofsky believes that OCD's are both biological and psychological in nature. The biological part relates to mood and anxiety disorders such as depression.

The psychological aspect may stem from repressing deep-seated feelings such as anger, sadness, or fear.

Yudofsky adds, "Those with OCD's often have thoughts that they are going to buy and how they can pay the bill instead of dealing with those feelings. Treatment for these disorders include medication and psychotherapy including behavior modification."

USDA expands partnerships at HBCUs to aid farm plan

by Larry A. Still

WASHINGTON, DC — Strong partnership efforts between the US Department of Agriculture and 17 predominantly black land grant colleges and universities must be expanded, Charlene R. Hiltz, assistant deputy director of agriculture, declared here during a two-day symposium of the 100-year-old institution.

Officials of the 17 1890 Land Grant institutions established by Congress, with USDA, met to analyze the progress made since the partnership with historically black colleges and universities was formed in Nashville, TN, in 1990.

Representatives of the government and the institutions also convened to plan the next steps needed to strengthen the HBCUs during the current debate over continuing government support to the institutions formerly governed by federal and state laws. Hiltz said the USDA needs a strong partnership with the 17 HBCUs to meet the agricultural challenges and opportunities of the next century, including the need for a diverse workforce.

The first USDA/AHGs symposium, which took place in 1990, three years ago, resulted in several recommendations to strengthen the partnership and significant progress has been made toward implementing those recommendations, Hiltz said. He cited the establishment of USDA offices staffed with liaison

at each of the 17 campuses, increased USDA funding to the 1890s institutions, including a capacity building grants program; a summer intern program for students at the schools and greatly increased use of

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CITY LIFE

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

NEW YORK CITY — The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater will perform through December 29 at City Center located at 130 West 56th Street. For more information call 212-581-7907.

PLAINFIELD — Tal Farlow, jazz guitarist will be featured by the Plainfield Jazz Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. at West 8th at Park Ave. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Black Cypress, A Modern Love Fantasy will be performed at Crossroads Theater through January 5. Crossroads is located at 320 Memorial Parkway.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

NORTH BRANCH — The Raritan Valley Community College Department of Fine and Performing Arts will present its Student Jazz Cabaret at 8 p.m. in the Weitz Theater. For more information call 908-725-3420.

WAYNE — William Paterson College will present the musical comedy "High Button Shoes" at WPC's Studio Center Dec. 12-15. For more info, call 201-595-2371.

NEW BRUNSWICK — State Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol," at 8 p.m. A full-scale musical production from the Nebraska Theatre Caravan, nationally recognized leaders in theater and children's entertainment. For more information, call 908-248-7469.

MILLBURN — The Ballet and Symphony Orchestra will present "The Nutcracker" Dec. 23 at the Paper Mill Playhouse. Call 201-375-4364 for info.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

CAMDEN — "The Nutcracker" will be staged at Rutgers' Camden Campus at 8 p.m. The show will also be performed on December 14. For more information call 908-757-5175.

PRINCETON — "A Christmas Carol," will be featured at the McCarter Theatre, 91 University Pl. For more info, call 609-883-800.

NEW YORK, NY — Dennis Russel Davis in a program for the Brooklyn Philharmonic and includes soprano Grace Bumbry as guest artist. In "Tchaikovsky's beloved 'Isolde'" at 30 Lafayette St. on Dec. 15. For more info call 718-636-4100.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

PLAINFIELD — Concerned African-American Parents of Westfield will present a Dinner-Dance-Fashion Show at the Grant Avenue Community Center Ballroom at 403 West Street from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. For more information call 908-622-9400.

NEW BRUNSWICK — State Theatre presents "Boys Choir of Harlem." Combining the technical skill of the boys' choir boy choral and Harriet Tubman's spiritual Christian celebration, from the most cherished sacred classics to the upbeat contemporary gospel at 8 p.m. For more information, call 908-246-7466.

BRONCHBURG — The Raritan Valley Community College orchestra and chorale will present their annual Gala Holiday concert at 8 p.m. For info, call 908-725-3420.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

MONTCLAIR — The Montclair Theater Group of Montclair State College will perform "Picnic" through December 15. For more information call the box office at 201-693-5112.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

MONTCLAIR — A 50th Anniversary Fete 7:30 p.m. at the Montclair United Church, 54 Orange Peel and discuss Christmas as well as have a holiday party. For more information call 748-8417 or 226-5989.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

NEW YORK CITY — The Shoestring Players present "The People Who Could Fly" (theater for young people), Dec. 27-31. For info, call 212-564-8033.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

NEW BRUNSWICK — "Separation," Tom Kempton's unconventional love story makes it American debut Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. at the George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Ave. For more info, call 908-246-7469.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

NEW BRUNSWICK — State Theatre presents "New York City Open National Program" 8:00 p.m. the nation's premier touring company, New York City Open National Company, returns with this all-time favorite Puccini classic. For more information, call 908-246-7469.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

RHAWAY — "Ani-Milawing" will be installed at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St. at 8 p.m. For more info, call 908-499-7462.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1992

NEW YORK CITY — Twyla Tharp will be performing at City Center through to February 8, City Center is located at 130 West 56th Street. For more information call 212-581-7907.

City News, It's Read

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Behind the scenes

NEW YORK — Everybody's talking about the controversy surrounding the release of Ice Cube's latest album, "Death Certificate." Billboard Magazine recently published an editorial charging that his unabashed espousal of violence (suggesting the murder of his former Jewish manager and that blacks burn down Korean-owned) crossed the line. The magazine went on to say that his lyrics expressed "the rankest sort of racism and hatermongering," dividing art from the advocacy of crime. LA's Simon Wiesenthal Center called for a boycott. Meanwhile, Korean merchants forced McKenzie River Corp. (S. Ida Lee) to stop commercials starring the rapper. The record companies across the nation pulled the song from their shelves last month in protest, alleging that disgruntled blacks would "burn your store right down to a crisp." The boycott ended when the company agreed to stop broadcasting the Ice Cube ads until the dispute was resolved.

While on the subject of boycotts, more than 180 black-owned radio stations are threatening to "withdraw support" of Sony Music due to a "discriminatory pattern of business with African Americans." Black stations angered by the recent leak of Michael Jackson's "Black or White" single to top 40 radio in several markets and say they will not add Sony product to their playlists until Sony executives meet with the National Organization of Black-Owned Broadcasters (NABOB). They believe Epic Records purposely leaked the single to top 40 outlets ahead of its planned release to urban and other stations. The group also noted a dwindling number of black employees/executives as well as lack of advertising with black-owned media.

Length is a major consideration for Spike Lee's new Malcolm X film project (currently underway), as more scenes the standard hour doesn't nearly enough time. Those working on the project act as if they were sworn to secrecy. Lee is said to digested everything he could get his hands on with regards to Malcolm

X, while also interviewing family, friends and associates, including Louis Farrakhan. Lee earlier came under attack from Amiri Baraka, ne' LeRoi Jones, who went vocal with his concerns that Spike could be exploiting Malcolm's story. Lee responded that Baraka's "small of s---" fact is, most (including Spike's) tend to be rooting for Spike on this one. Hey, if it's doable, then surely Spike Lee can do it.

On the home front: Randy Jackson was recently ordered to undergo psychiatric treatment. The action came after arrest warrants were issued as 30-year-old Randy Jackson failed to show up to serve a 30-day jail sentence for beating his infant wife and daughter. His lawyer had said that Jackson was in an undisclosed hospital for an undisclosed reason. Jackson had earlier been charged with assaulting his wife in a domestic violence rehab program. His wife now says she'll file for divorce... On a lighter note, superstar rocker David Bowie is hush-hush on plans for his upcoming

wedding to top model, Iman. It will be the second marriage for Iman, who was previously married to former hoopstar Spencer Haywood... And 20 years after his drug-related death in 1970 at the age of 27, Jimi Hendrix was finally awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Hollywood Swinging: Quincy Jones and Warner Bros. pulled out all the stops for its combination listening party and birthday party for Tevin Campbell, who the label is no doubt grooming as their new teen sensation. The 15-year-old Award...

Campbell who first came to the attention of Quincy Jones and Prince, just released his debut album, T.E.V.I.N., on Jones' Qwest Records. The food was wonderful and among those on hand enjoying it were Narada Michael Walden, Al B. Sure, and Michael Jackson's older brother, Jackie Jackson.

Philadelphia's Fourth Annual Spectacor Presidential Jazz Weekend

PHILADELPHIA — South Africa, Ethiopia, Brazil, Trinidad, Canada, and the United States — it's a bi-annual international exchange of music, mirth and culture from Feb. 14 - 17, 1992, when jazz artists from around the world perform in Philadelphia during the Fourth Annual Spectacor Presidential Jazz Weekend.

The four-day citywide celebration during Black History Month is a salute to the international language of music. Local, regional, national, and international jazz artists will present a broad spectrum of jazz rhythms and styles. From swing to boop, fusion and beyond, jazz masters and emerging artists will share their repertoire at jazz events around the city and around the clock.

Artists performing during the weekend include Mercer Ellington with the Duke Ellington Orchestra,

Dakota Staton and Abbey Lincoln, Ethiopia's Aster Aweke, the Afro-Latin sounds of Papo Vazquez Bomba Jazz and the Teddy Panama Latin Ensemble, and South Africa's Mahathini and the Mahotella Queens, the Makossa Quartet, Clark Terry, and Big Band.

In addition to the stage performances there will also be jazz workshops for children, a multi-cultural craft bazaar, a jazz tour of neighborhood jazz clubs, a jazz laser show, tours of Philadelphia's historic sites, jazz brunches and lunches and more.

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ters with 20,000 different women. The numbers were tallied from date books he's kept since 1969. He says the numbers break down to 500 encounters a year for the past 40 years or 1.2 women a day, everyday since he was 15...

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Michael Camp shines as an example of what PSEG employees work hard at their jobs while giving many valuable hours in community service. The Hampton University graduate, with more than 20 years in the field, is Manager-Communications-Nuclear Division. She is responsible for public information, employee communications, and community relations. She also coordinates an employee volunteer program.

Ms. Camp's personal community service activities include Board Member, United Way Salem County and the Governor's Commission on Volunteering. Her community service is founded on the belief that, in order to improve the quality of the lives within our communities, we must take time out our busy schedules and "chip in."

PSEG wants to follow up on Ms. Camp's advice — we have to have the willingness to give of yourself in order to make a difference. "Help out the power in your community's hands through volunteer support. Please write or call to get the power in your hands.

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Kwanzaa celebrated Senegalese style at JCSC

JERSEY CITY — Drums of Five and United Ballet Africaine will present "An Evening of Senegalese Dance and Culture" if celebrate Kwanzaa at Jersey City State College on Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Michael Gilligan Student Union Building, 2039 Kennedy Boulevard. Drums of Five, and ensemble that has performed throughout the world, was founded in 1975 by master percussionist Mory Tiam, a renowned musician, composer, dancer, singer, and teacher who was

born in Dakar, Senegal.

Tiam has most recently performed with the World Saxophone Quartet and on the "Bill Cosby and Friends" album. he has toured Europe with Alvin Alley's Ballet and in 1974 performed with Nancy Wilson and B.B. King in a charity concert held at the White House to benefit the African Sahara drought victims.

For more information about "An Evening of Senegalese Dance and Culture," call 201-220-2253.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

NEWARK—Breakfast Forum: Service in All Phases of Your Business; Why Is It Important? Sponsored by the Greater Newark Small Women & Minority Business Council at Anteuer-Brown, Route 1-9. Fee \$10. For info, call 212-624-1027.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

TRENTON—The Business OverBreakfast series will present "How Your Business Can Avoid Employee Law Suits at Mercer County Community College from 8 to 10:30 a.m. For more information call 609-566-9446."

NEWARK—The Newark Chapter #16 of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) will conduct a pre-business workshop on NJ Bell Telephone Company at 540 Broad Street from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The workshop, entitled "How to Start Your Own Business." For more information call 212-264-5842.

NEWARK CITY—The US General Services Administration is sponsoring a Minority Business Breakfast for networking purposes from 9 to 10 a.m. at Stark's Versanda Restaurant at 319 Broadway. RSVP by December 13. For more information call 212-264-1294.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

NEWARK—The Home based business will be discussed from 7 to 8:30 p.m. as part of the Be Your Own Boss Series in the Atlantic Room of the Hilton Gateway Hotel, Raymond Blvd. For more information call 1-800-458-1038 x 5421.

Send your business calendar events to CITY NEWS, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07065.

Business Exchange...

by William Reed

WASHINGTON, DC (UPI)—What ya gonna be doin' in years from now? According to a "Workforce 2000" study by the Hudson Institute, 85 percent of the new entrants in the American workforce during the later 1990s will be women and minorities. So the next 10 years could be boom professional employment times for African Americans. Despite the fact that over the past three decades women and minorities made limited progress in climbing corporate ladders after getting into restricted numbers, in the 90s they currently dominate white male group of executives will comprise just 15 percent of the people entering the US workforce. So now in the early 90s, America's companies, such as the Fortune 500s, are employing multiple strategies for integrating all of their job ranks and African Americans, who are under-and-employed, should move to seize the moment while the window of opportunity is open.

Young business oriented black men and women should test the open window of The Prudential Insurance Company of America's Managing Diversity Program. An aggressive effort to attract more women and minorities to its 25,000 person sales force, The Prudential's

program was developed in response to the Hudson Study and the internal leadership of its black Vice President, Booker Rice. The Pru wants its salesforce to mirror the Human figures and enhance its Managing Diversity objectives by utilizing a special Agent Career Path Program developed by Mr. Rice and his Executive level staff.

The limited pool of black college educated professionals may have limited opportunities with The Rock. Big Pru is the world's largest insurance company and one of the planet's leading financial institutions. Involved in real estate, urban building projects, pension plans, and other broadly diversified portfolio investments that collectively total over \$200 billion, Prudential Insurance is financially larger than scores of national governments around the world. Starting at a base salary of \$30,000 per year with Prudential, minorities and female professionals can gain a high degree of security and advancement opportunities through this contemporary "outreach" diversity program.

Mr. Rice, who is a listed in Who's Who in Black Corporate America and a major sponsor of John Johnson's Ebony/Jet Guide to Black Excellence, is a senior level Career Marketing Officer for Prudential. He is responsible for the

development and implementation of the Managing Diversity Program. He started as a Pru sales agent and is the company's first black officer. He openly explains that his program seeks not only people for career opportunities inside Prudential, but also wants the company's image to be enhanced among potential policy purchases in minority communities. A native of Chicago and graduate of Notre Dame, Rice states that, "Understanding cultural differences and the values of these cultures will keep us way ahead of the competition."

Part of our strategy is to get out and talk to people in the community and help our agents attract salespeople to our marketing organization. We want people who want to grow, make a lot of money, and help their community."

Rice's program includes special seminars for Big Pru's executive and mid-level management to help them see the economic and social value of diversity in their employment and consumer ranks. He also oversees mentoring development for new agents, and pro-

motes aggressive marketing of the company's employment opportunities through national advertising and participation in special events and employment fairs where minorities reside or gather.

Prudential Insurance Company, via Booker Rice, has a "help wanted sign" outside its personnel door. People want to know what to do and/or resume to: Managing Diversity, The Prudential Insurance Company of America, 213 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102.

Help Wanted

Minority-owned investment counseling firm formed

ATLANTA — The principals of Pryor, McClendon, Counts & Co. Inc. (PMC), one of the nation's premier minority-owned investment banking firms, are pleased to announce the formation of a new Atlanta-based investment counseling concern, Wedgewood Equities, Inc.

The managing director and senior investment officer of the new firm is William B. Astrof, founder and chairman of Astrof Advisory Corp. and founder and former chairman of Atlanta Capital Management, is one of Atlanta's

and the nation's best-known money managers.

His portfolios recorded such solid returns that for the five-year period ending March 1989, Astrof Advisory was ranked 10th nationally among investment managers. This consistent level of high performance led to the expansion of Astrof Advisory and caused it to be recognized as one of the nation's fastest-growing private companies between 1982 and 1987.

Wedgewood Chairman Raymond J. McClendon said:

"This is another step in Wedgewood's quest to provide our clients with a full range of asset management products. Mr. Astrof's leadership will give us the opportunity to offer a quality service to states, cities and major corporations."

Wedgewood President Malcolm Pryor noted: "We felt it was the appropriate time to establish the equity management group. Wedgewood Equities is the natural and logical complement to our fixed-income management team."

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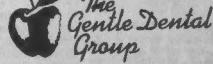
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The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) is required to conduct public hearings in New Jersey in order to gather information from interested citizens concerning the Complementary Paratransit Plan that NJ TRANSIT must submit to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) by January 26, 1992 in accordance with Title II, Title II Mandate set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This plan has been developed by NJ TRANSIT in cooperation with individuals with disabilities around the State. The ADA places a mandate on public entities operating a fixed route system to provide paratransit or other special service to individuals with disabilities. This complementary service will be provided to individuals with disabilities who are unable to use the fixed route system.

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| 1. | PLACE: New Jersey Law Center
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| DATE: | December 16, 1991, Monday |
| TIME: | 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. |
| 2. | PLACE: Hyatt Cherry Hill
(see map below)
12345 West Marlton Pike
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| DATE: | December 17, 1991, Tuesday |
| TIME: | 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. |
| 3. | PLACE: New Jersey Transit Corporation
Board Room
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| DATE: | December 19, 1991, Thursday |
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- Shirley A. Delibero
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Interested parties should contact Susan Fowler, Esquire at the above address or call 609-343-2390 to obtain all RFP information.

November 27, 1991
Susan Fowler, Esquire
Staff Counsel

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It must be said!

Mets still looking for a quick fix

by Alex Cliff

Tuesday, December 3, 1991, the New York Mets signed free agent Bobby Bonilla to a monstrous \$29 million contract for the next five years. A week or so before that, they signed former L.A. Dodger Eddie Murray, and a few months before that they seduced Jeff Torborg into taking over the troubled helm with big fat contracts. This does not even include Dwight Gooden's megabucks contract from last year nor Vince Coleman's.

With all this money flying around, it's a wonder anyone will be able to field a ground ball — their pockets are full.

I'm sorry, but it shows me that the Mets are *it* NOW! The potential "best team in baseball" with only one World Series ring to show for it in recent history, is just not going to take it anymore. They're just going to spend and spend, until they get the exact pieces for a championship team.

I have a question? Was George Steinbrenner reincarnated into the form of Mets' GM Al Harazin? I haven't seen the bucks fly since the infamous contracts of Catfish Hunter, Reggie Jackson and Dave Winfield.

My other question is, is it still productive for the Mets? Is it still productive but past the prime Eddie Murray and the O.K. fielding of Bonilla going to get them over the hump? After all, when we last saw him, Gregg Jefferies, Kevin McReynolds and Frank Viola along with David Cone were crying a flood of tears. They were dissatisfied and unhappy with the team that was so good they couldn't win.

I've always said that the Mets had an attitude problem. It was like the guy who was poor all his life then hit the lottery and was all of a sudden too good to socialize with the old crew anymore. When the Mets won the World Series in 1986, they turned into monsters. First of all, they were only liked by their fans. Other teams weren't too fond of the "big boys" type of play they played — too rough and dirty. And then, the changes came. Mookie gone, Ray Knight — no, you're not getting a million bucks, Randy Myers — we don't need you, nor Roger McDowell. We need Viola and John Franco. And no, we sure don't need the trouble making Straw man.

The only consistent Met that I've seen in the last few years has been Howard Johnson. He is quiet, stays out of trouble, and he hits the ball from April until October. The rest of the Mets are too busy trying to worry about baseball.

Good luck, New York. I know you've lived in the shadow of the Yankees for years and here's your chance to really take New York. While the Yankees try to figure out that it's pitching with two pennants, (just ask the Atlanta Braves, and the 1990 Cincinnati Reds), the Mets will be putting down their boxing gloves and slipping on their batting gloves. Time will tell, after all, the greatest example of big contracts and no pennants is only on the other side of the Big Apple.

Cliff Notes...
No backs for the Bucs. My Dad told me that the Pittsburgh Pirates have enough talent. They didn't even try to keep Williams and now Bonds is being placed on the trading block. Well, the Pirates had their chance for it all last year. It's just that when the Playoffs start, the big guns named Bonilla, Bonds, and Van Slyke shot blanks.

New Jersey Nets were so happy that forward Derrick Coleman was back that they beat the Sixers December 3 at the Meadowlands. The Nets have missed the aggressive play of the former Syracuse All-American who played 29 min-

Stacey Peterson
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selves.

"I set goals for myself every day, every week, every month, and every year. With the New Year coming up, I'm outlining the place I'd like to be in my life by the end of 1992. It's essential to my life and I strongly recommend it to others."

A native of Plainfield, Ms. Peterson graduated from Plainfield High School in 1984 and still resides in the Queen City.

utes, scored 13 points, and grabbed 8 rebounds after missing 8 games due to an ankle injury.

And speaking of the Syracuse Orangemen, they had the nerve to stoop on Florida State that same night as part of the Big East/ACC Challenge. Now you know, the Orangemen are suffering from the heat of controversy and are being threatened with probation by the NCAA. Usually seen as a Big East and national powerhouse, the Orangemen are just trying to win some games, and stay out of the NIT.

But, the Conrad McRae controversy, which is probably what forced Billy Owens into making a quick exit, still looms over the program from last year. McRae has been suspended by the NCAA and ineligible by the NCAA pending an appeal before the NCAA Eligibility Committee. It's been said that during his recruitment, McRae was driven to an SU game and given some tickets. Nos nos from the NCAA.

So, without their typical "big man" the Orange had to use some savvy and play a "perimeter game."

Taking outside shots, this year's star David Johnson scored 29 points and going 7 for 11 from 3-point land. Wow! The Orange just

don't shoot from the outside. It's nice to see them pushing the ball upcourt and playing an aggressive game. I don't like Jim Boeheim much as a coach, he has the "Handley disease, but let's see if he can stop getting outcoached and stop being intimidated by John Thompson.

Oh, and my pick for the Big East, keep your eye on the Pirates. P.J. Carlesimo always has his team ready and I think he's one of the coaches but missing coaches out there.

What do you think? Let me know, Write to Alex Cliff, 144 North Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07063.

As I See It...

(Continued from page 4)

stand for anymore educational benign neglect and be prepared to attack school administrators, teachers, and elected officials.

The record clearly shows the poorest among us, the chronic unemployed, the criminal and the incarcerated are mostly high school dropouts and students who somehow manage not to go to school at all and believe it or not, there are many young people who have never seen the inside of a school and others who dropped out of sight after the fifth and sixth grades. Nobody seems to care about these unfortunate, not the schools nor the teachers nor

members of the family.

Those of us who lauded President Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" and the headstart program which gives poor children a head start in life, enter schools, should repeat to ourselves and our children, his thoughts on the importance of education: In 1963 vice president Johnson said:

"We have entered an age in which education is not just a luxury permitting some men an advantage over others. It has become a necessity without which a person is defenseless in this complex, industrialized society... We have truly entered the century of the educated man..."

NEWARK — Newark Mayor Sharpe James recently voiced his support for an innovative adolescent AIDS and substance abuse counseling initiative sponsored by the Newark Health and Human Services Department.

Project T.O.R.C.H. (Teen Outreach Resources Counseling and Health) under the coordination of Gwendolyn Motley, HHS director of youth affairs, has consisted of 45 teens from Arts, Central, and St. Benedict's High Schools who were trained in substance abuse prevention, decision-making, crisis management, self-esteem, and conflict resolution counseling for their peers. Next year, according to Ms. Motley, the program will be expanded to include all of Newark's high schools.

Bobbi Ruffin, HHS director said, "The current T.O.R.C.H. students will be certified as the first professional adolescent AIDS counselors in New Jersey. That is similar to what we did for the Mayor's office,"

The Mayor hailed T.O.R.C.H. as "an exciting, effective and creative way to get the message to young people about the seriousness of AIDS. What better way to

reach high school students than with other teenagers?" This is another weapon in the City's arsenal to fight this fatal illness.

The T.O.R.C.H. program's startup cost was financed totally with seed money from the Prudential Foundation, Ruffin noted.

In addition to T.O.R.C.H., the City is also seeking private sector support for a counseling and referral program called "Just for Me," a program designed for women to address the psychological and social aspects surrounding HIV infection that particularly concern women.

Ruffin explained that the program will be presented in a series of mini-conferences, and was specifically developed to help women at risk share information, negotiation skills, and resources with women in their community.

"The goal of 'Just for Me' is to decrease the spread of HIV infection and encourage care for those already infected," Ruffin said.

For more information on either of these programs, please contact Ruffin at the HHS office, 110 William Street 201-733-5310.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Edge After Shave w/col. 4 oz. fl.	\$3.69	<input type="checkbox"/> Colgate Progaine Shampoo 5 oz. btl.	\$4.49
<input type="checkbox"/> Cortaid Cream or Ointment w/col. 5 oz. tube	\$3.49	<input type="checkbox"/> Motrin IB Tablets 24 ct. box	\$3.49
<input type="checkbox"/> Mycitracin Pain Reliever plus 6% tube	\$3.69	<input type="checkbox"/> Motrin IB Caplets 24 ct. box	\$3.49
<input type="checkbox"/> Donnagel 4 oz. int.	\$3.29	<input type="checkbox"/> Kaopectate Liquid 8 oz. btl.	\$4.39
<input type="checkbox"/> Rolaids Antacid Tablets, Regular or Extra Strength, 75 ct. btl.	\$2.89	<input type="checkbox"/> Sinutab Tablets Box of 24	\$4.89
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrid XX Roll-On 1.5 oz. cont.	\$2.69	<input type="checkbox"/> Medi-Flu 8 oz. btl.	\$5.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrid Extra Dry Deodorant Anti-perspirant Cream, 1.5 oz. cont.	\$2.29	<input type="checkbox"/> FDS Feminine Spray Deodorant, 1.5 oz. cont.	\$3.69
<input type="checkbox"/> Jergens Ever Soft Lotion 6 oz. cont.	\$2.79	<input type="checkbox"/> Ronsonol Lighter Fuel 12 oz. cont.	\$3.69
<input type="checkbox"/> Pamprin Tablets Extra Strength, 48 ct.	\$5.59	<input type="checkbox"/> Ronsonol Flints plz. of 5	49¢
<input type="checkbox"/> Soft Sense Lotion 15 oz. cont.	\$4.79	<input type="checkbox"/> Ronsonol Lighter Fuel 12 oz. cont.	\$2.69
<input type="checkbox"/> Soft Sense Purse Size 2.25 oz.	\$1.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Ronsonol Lighter Fuel 5 oz. cont.	\$1.49
<input type="checkbox"/> Ronson Butane Fuel Multi-Fil, 35 gm. cont.	\$2.19		
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